

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John C. Garces, Esq. on 05/06/2009.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 2, 4-11 and 13 are canceled.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

3. Claims 1, 3, 12 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the prior art of the record fails to show or fairly suggest an imaging apparatus comprising:

wherein said opening of said pressure member is caulked with a first lens of said wide-angle lens set, and said pressure member is fixedly screwed down to said outer circumferential portion of said lens-barrel in which a convex surface of said first lens projects from said opening of said pressure member to an outside of said pressure member, while an inner circumference of

said pressure member is disposed to extend along an outer circumferential portion of said first lens of said lens set.

Claim 3 is allowed as being dependent from claim 1.

Regarding claim 12, the prior art of the record fails to show or fairly suggest an imaging apparatus comprising:

said lens assembly is inserted into said front casing from a rear side thereof and then fixed by screwing from said rear side, while said front casing and said rear casing are fixed by screwing from said rear side of said rear casing.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUONG T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7315. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID L. OMETZ can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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